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Committee of 1000 meets August 22nd

REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

SLAPS AT TEACHERS

During the past few weeks East Bay Labor Journal has received from readers and has published several letters criticizing teachers and stating that the trade union movement should make no effort to get better pay and conditions for teachers.

Criticism of teachers for failing to join the union movement is something the present writer has heard for years, but he must confess surprise to discover the amount of prejudice against them and the seeming extent of a feeling that the labor movement should give them no assistance even if they do join a union.

We all get a little tired of surveys, but it would be interesting to know what the results of a survey would be which tested the reaction toward teachers and their problems of a large sample of members of many trades in the AFLCIO.

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HOW ABOUT A SURVEY?

If this attitude toward the teachers is really widespread, and is the product of the notion that many so-called "manual workers" have that the so-called "brain workers" don't really work very hard, then it is a very bad omen for the future of the trade union movement. For all authorities are agreed that as modern technology in general, and as automation in particular progresses, the proportion of "brain workers" is going to increase.

This fact has been recognized by the organizing strategists of the AFLCIO, and they have done much planning to get more "white collar workers" organized.

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THOSE DINOSAURS!

Americans in general are accused of being more suspicious of the "egghead" than are the people of other nations, including Russia. Is this prejudice of some labor people against teachers part of this?

We'd better be careful. We don't want to go the way of the dinosaurs who scorned the mammals.

PICNIC TICKETS for the big annual AFLCIO fund raising affair for candidates for Federal office, are now available, local COPE Chairman Ernie Perry announces. The picnic will be held October 5 at Roberts Park.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor advised to get out of dug grave fast

George Roberts, regional director of the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education (COPE), at the meeting of the Central Labor Council his week advised labor to climb fast out of the grave which has been carefully dug for it.

Roberts, known widely in labor circles as a speaker who combines whirlwind impassioned eloquence with mellow Kentucky anecdotes bottled in bond and guaranteed to bring down the house, was in top form.

He did some plain speaking right at the start by saying that if labor people really knew what they were up against in the fight to stave off the so-called "right to work" scheme on the November ballot there would be more delegates in their seats.

"Many of you don't realize what's coming when this campaign warms up," he said. "The billboards are going to drip with blood before this gets through!"

Roberts declared that there is a concerted effort to dig a grave politically for organized labor, and that it should be linked in union people's minds with the drive for the millionaires' tax plan which has already been pushed through many State Legislatures and is in danger of becoming an amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The millionaires' tax scheme provides that not more than 25% of any person's income can be taken in taxes. If it gets wedged into the U. S. Constitution it means that millionaires and multimillionaires would have vast portions of their income untouched by taxation through the present graduated income tax, and the Government would have to tax the poorer persons 25% of their income to make up the inevitable deficit.

The drive for this scheme, which was being conducted very actively a few years ago, has now been partly suspended while attention is concentrated on the job of weakening organized labor politically so that it will be unable to block the drive for the millionaires' tax measure when it is revived at full speed, said Roberts.

The Republican Party this year is operating with a 216-page handbook which concentrates on the job of weakening organized labor politically so that it will be unable to block the drive for the millionaires' tax measure when it is revived at full speed, said Roberts.

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CLC delegates seated

Delegates obligated by President Al Brown at the August 4 meeting of the Central Labor Council were: John Caris, Steelworkers 5450; Edward O. Lee, Oakland Federation of Teachers 771; Raymond Wright, Molders 164.

Ballot Box for Those Who Don't Register!



CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL delegates were reminded Monday, August 11, that the deadline for registration for the November 11 election was exactly 30 days into the future—no more! But Monday's already a long time ago. So if you're still unregistered, if you don't get a move on, you can see above a nice picture on the ballot box reserved for you!

BTC canvassing business men opposing open shop

A well designed leaflet presenting the reasons why businessmen are opposed to the so-called "right to work" initiative measure on the November ballot, was shown to the delegates at the last meeting of the Build-Trades Council.

Supplies of the leaflet are available through the BTC business agent's office, and it is believed that affiliated unions will wish to distribute them among the employers with whom they have contracts.

Many businessmen have expressed themselves as opposed to Senator Knowland's pet scheme, on the ground that it takes away from both employers and unions their right to establish by collective bargaining the arrangements which they consider best; and that its adoption would inevitably lead to economic chaos.

By letter State BTC President Bryan Deavers asked BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers to serve on the coordinating committee for the State BTC's delegation to the annual legislative conference in Washington to be held in March. The council voted authorization for Childers to accept the appointment.

LEGISLATIVE MEET

A letter from the Internal Revenue Service was read by

DEDUCTION RULING

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Office Union cures M. D. bund!

The 250 members of Office Employees 29 who were on strike for two weeks at Kaiser Hospital and allied institutions were all back at work this week. They are getting 6 cents more an hour retroactive to July 1, and also have an additional holiday per year.

President John Kinnick of Local 29, reporting to the Central Labor Council this week, said that "when we struck, no offer of an increase in pay had been made" despite prolonged negotiations. But he said that

the firmness of the strikers, co-operation of other unions, the assistance given by the Central Labor Council, "and some big help from East Bay Labor Journal, which shook up the top management," so that the top management was much more willing to negotiate, won the day.

CLC Assistant Secretaries Richard Groulx and Arthur Hellender were assigned by Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash to give every possible assistance to the strikers, and kept after the

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Every union to send 5 or more to fight No. 18

"There are still thousands of labor people who don't know what this is all about," said John Churchill, campaign director in Alameda County for the fight against the so-called "right to work" scheme on the November ballot.

Churchill and CLC Assistant Secretary Art Hellender at the Central Labor Council meeting this week were stressing the im-

AUTO SALESMEN GETTING LABOR JOURNAL, STEEL LOCALS ARE SUBSCRIBING

Announcement by Al Silva, Auto Salesmen 1095, at this week's Central Labor Council meeting that his union is to have East Bay Labor Journal sent to all members beginning with this present issue, is reported in another column on page 3.

Next week Steelworkers 4468 will begin receiving the paper, and shortly after that, as soon as the mailing list can be prepared, the Niles Steelworkers will receive it.

Speakers at the council meeting have repeatedly emphasized the importance of receiving East Bay Labor Journal at this time when an effort to destroy labor's political defensive ability is being made.

portance of the "first meeting of the committee of One Thousand" which is to be held in Hall M of the Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Friday, August 22.

"I have a picture in my mind," said Churchill, "of a thousand people assembled in Hall M that night. And if that picture doesn't come true, and we don't have a thousand people there ready to take assignments as volunteers, I'm going to be badly scared."

Churchill pointed out that "we are fighting for the prosperity of our community, and for the individual dignity of working people."

Every AFLCIO union in the county is asked to name a chairman who will be the local's head of a Right-to-Work Volunteer Committee. These chairmen from the locals will serve as sub-chairmen of the general committee under the direction of Ernie Perry of Steel Machinists 1304, chairman of the main Right-to-Work Volunteer Committee.

Each local union chairman of such a committee is asked to enroll not less than five people for his committee, and as many more as possible.

All these local union special committees of volunteers are

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Register, get your friends registered to vote to save your union in November!

HOW TO BUY

What happened to this cheese?

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

This story of what happens to cheese on the way to the factory to your table, may be the most revealing lesson in modern economics and how to buy your money's worth that you ever had.

Recently the U. S. Agriculture Department traced the path of this cheese from the day the farmers delivered the raw milk to three cheese factories, to the day your wife stopped at a cheese counter and bought a package of it. These facts and figures are an eye-opener. They show how small the labor cost is in manufacturing and retailing such items, and the exaggerated prices manufacturers charge the public for "convenience" foods.

The raw milk delivered by the farmers cost the cheese factories 28.2 cents for the quantity of equivalent to one pound of processed cheese. It cost just 4.2 cents a pound to manufacture this milk into cheese. This included all labor, equipment and overhead costs. The factories also had to add a small amount for boxes and hauling.

The cheese factories in turn sold the cheese to assemblers for an average price of 31.7 cents.

The assemblers graded and paraffined the big wheels of cheese and re-sold it to processors for an average price of 32.3 cents a pound.

So far nobody has made much money on this cheese, and in fact, the factories even lost a bit on these particular lots.

But now the processors have the cheese. These are the big companies like Kraft and Borden who change the form of the original cheddar slightly and package it under brand names.

The processors ground the cheese into small granules blended it with other cheeses, added coloring, salt, emulsifier and water, and cooked it for five minutes, then machine-packed the melted cheese.

Now the first thing to notice is that the processors added approximately 7 percent water to

the natural cheddar. When you buy 16 ounces of this cheese, you get 14.9 ounces of the original cheese and 1.1 ounces of water.

The processor then took this softened, watered cheese and sold two lots of it to retailers and jobbers at 37 and 37.8 cents, and one lot at a much higher price of 47.3 cents. The two cheaper lots were sold as two-pound and five-pound loaves. But the high-priced lot had been sliced and packaged in half-pound packages. For this, the processor actually got ten cents more a pound, or more than twice as much as the entire cost of manufacturing the original cheese.

A chain store that bought the high-priced sliced cheese, paid the transportation charges, marked up the price 31 percent, and sold the cheese to you for 62 cents a pound. The two-pound loaves were sold by supermarkets who had bought it, for 47.5 to 49.5 cents a pound, and by the chain store, for 52.5 cents. The five-pound loaves were sold to small grocery and delicatessen stores. They charged 49 to 75 cents per pound cut from the loaf.

We can learn from this incident that the more the manufacturers process foods, the more they charge, and often out of proportion to the value added. It only costs 4 cents a pound to manufacture the original cheese, but to soften it and form it into loaves adds another 6 cents. But if the processor also slices it and wraps it in half-pound packages, he charges you another full dime.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS! HELP WIN THE STRIKE!

George Roberts, political director for the AFLCIO in this region, told the Central Labor Council this week that he knew positively if a big strike were on, the wives and women relatives of unionists would turn out and take charge of soup kitchens or do anything else to help win the strike.

Yet right now, he said, in the fight against "right to work" labor is on strike to save its very life, and volunteers to help are all too few.

If you want to help win this strike, go to Room 114 of the Labor Temple, or to campaign headquarters at 327 - 17th Street, Oakland, telephone HIgate 4-2664.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

"THE ARMY may change a man, but it takes a woman to change the Army," says Agnes Ash, a writer in the New York Times.

"Before the soldier's wife began to travel around the world with him," says Miss Ash, the post exchange was a place to buy razor blades and tooth paste. Today the GI general store carries everything from maternity dresses to Frank Sinatra records."

The wife of a soldier or any service man, says Miss Ash, is willing to go on an overseas assignment, but "she resents sacrificing frozen foods and ready mixes. All these things, the military brass realizes, make a happy home and reflect on the serviceman's morale."

THUS DEVELOPS what has been called the American "golden ghetto" in countries many of whose inhabitants have never had enough to eat in their lives.

The hungry forlorn natives of these countries see our soldiers and their families, and the civil service folk and their families, too, living under conditions which seem incredibly lavish to them.

Even when our soldiers are protecting these people from worse conditions, and when our civil service people abroad are helping them make their country more prosperous through developing new techniques, this envy, this prejudice, this downright hostility, remains.

YOU CAN'T EXPECT the wives of our soldiers and civilians abroad to clamor for poor housing and bad food, and the clash of living standards perhaps has to be faced as inevitable for some time to come.

But it is to be hoped that these American wives abroad don't develop the habit of scorning and despising the native women who don't have frozen foods and ready mixes.

Fruit Whip

Two-thirds cup fruit pulp, 2 egg whites, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

For the fruit pulp, mash or put through a sieve cooked apricots, prunes, peaches or apples. Or use grated raw apples.

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Look, Meany, be careful

MEANY MAKES TROUBLE

Recently, the New Yorker carried this headline with a typographical error from the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal: MEANY BIDS UNIONS ADOPT ETHICAL COEDS.

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Women in This World

By **EDITH McCONN**

A SPECIALIST on children's troubles, Dr. Marie Battle, contends that parents, if they are honest, will have to admit that many "adolescent" problems are really parents' problems.

Parents find it easier to live with young people who are studious, punctual and controlled. And while most parents are resigned to the fact that their adolescent offspring are anything but cooperative, punctual and controlled, some parents are able to boast that their children are all these things.

Beware of such model youngsters, warns this specialist. For adolescence is a time of rebellion, a time when children begin to leave the nest, a time when it is normal to resent parental supervision, necessary though it may be at times.

Children who do not show some of those traits at this time, who have no "adolescent rebellion" have often been found to become adults with serious problems. In other words, if they have not had a normal adolescence, they frequently develop into immature adults, incapable of coping with marriage and parenthood, as well as other adult problems.

There are probably fewer of these model teen-agers than there were formerly, especially in this country, where so many parents have so feared being over-strict that they have erred in the opposite direction.

For while adolescents need and should have a considerable amount of freedom, wise parents know that there must still be rules which must be obeyed for the child's own protection.

Judgment is a quality which comes only with maturity, a quality children slowly develop by a trial-and-error process.

Hence parents must be ever on the alert to see to it that the "trials" are not too severe, that the "errors" are not too irreparable.

Carton makes good bedtray

When your child is ill and confined to bed, you can make a simple yet efficient bed tray from a cardboard carton. Just cut out two sides of the box to make enough room for the patient's legs.

The carton may also be used as a table on which the child can work a jigsaw puzzle.

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"You have not only broken my heart and wrecked my life," said the young miss after a row with her boy friend, "but you've ruined my entire evening."

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Dem conclave raps Knowland, Knight, opposes AFL's 17

The official convention of the California Democratic Party, held at Sacramento over the weekend, heard Attorney General "Pat" Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor, size up Senator Knowland as follows:

"The public now witnesses a ruthless drive by a right wing extremist to take over the Republican Party in California, then the nation."

The week before at Sacramento the California Republican Party in convention had heard the plea of Senator Knowland, the party's candidate for Governor, that the Republicans take no stand on the so-called "right to work" compulsory open shop measure, Proposition 18 on the November ballot.

Knowland is backing No. 18, but having disrupted his party by ousting Governor Knight from the race for the Governorship is trying to put it together again, Democratic speakers this last weekend declared.

Brown told the Democrats that the question before the people in the November election is "whether the State government shall feel the heavy hand of grimness and coldness and ruthlessness, or whether it shall fulfill the great humanistic tradition of democratic process."

Congressman Clair Engle, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, denounced Governor Knight, who is running for the same office on the GOP ticket. Engle declared that Knight is a "political weathervane who has concluded his only hope for success is to climb aboard the Democratic bandwagon."

Brown on the eve of the convention urged that the State convention adopt planks calling for a NO vote on Propositions 16, 17, and 18. He said all three were "hate measures."

No. 16 is the proposed repeal of the State tax exemption granted the parochial schools. No. 17 is the AFL-sponsored proposal that sales taxes be cut and income taxes be raised, especially in the higher brackets. No. 18 is the so-called "right to work" scheme backed by Senator Knowland and strongly opposed by labor.

The convention and the newly organized State Democratic Central Committee took action as Brown suggested, voting to oppose all three measures.

John F. Henning, research and education director for the State AFL, appeared at the meeting of the Democrats and argued in defense of Proposition 17, the measure to lower sales taxes and increase income taxes.

Henning also spoke at the GOP convention the previous weekend. In neither case was he invited by the convention or any delegate to it, but in each case followed Federation procedure by moving in to state labor's attitude. It was erroneously stated in the daily press and in East Bay Labor Journal that Henning was invited to the Republican convention by a delegate.

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Congress Candidate Cohelan will be feted by Carpenters 36 August 15

Jeffery Cohelan, labor's candidate for Congress in the 7th District, will discuss the issues of the campaign at a meeting, open to the public, to be held at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m. Friday, August 15.

Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender of the Central Labor Council will also be present to answer questions concerning the current all-out campaign against the so-called "right to work" Proposition 18 on the November ballot.

Cohelan, the candidate for Congress, is secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers Local 302 and a City Councilman of Berkeley. Carpenters Local 36, sponsoring the social night meeting, wishes

to give everyone an opportunity to meet and hear him, considering the campaign to elect him one of the most important in which labor is now concerned.

Ray Smith's trio (vocal and three guitars), currently playing at the Humoresque, High & East 14th Street, Oakland, will lead off the entertainment for the social night promptly at 8 p.m.

Members and their wives and friends are urged to come on time for this and other interesting numbers, including Brother Frank Garcia and his saxophone.

There will be refreshments.

The committee in charge again emphasizes: Everyone interested is cordially invited—it's an absolutely open meeting.

Laney Trade School will register students for fall term on August 25

Laney Evening Trade Technical classes, Oakland Junior College will register students for the fall term beginning August 25, Fred Mangelsdorf, associate dean, announces.

Evening apprenticeship, trade extension, and general interest courses are listed in the fall term schedule available at the evening school office, 1024 Third Avenue.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting the school. Office hours are scheduled Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 9 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Los Angeles put on 'critical' tab

The unemployment crisis in metropolitan Los Angeles was dramatized when the U. S. Department of Labor put the area on its "critical" list.

Latest figures from the California Department of Employment show 176,500 jobless workers in Los Angeles. Labor spokesmen claim the figure is much higher.

Under the Labor Department classification, Los Angeles factories will be entitled to more priority on defense contracts.

The Labor Department predicted a worsening of the jobless situation in the aircraft industry where layoffs are scheduled through December.—State Federation Newsletter.

Legislature can't ban school books

The State Board of Education is the sole judge of the types of textbooks to be used in public schools, ruled Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

The Legislature is constitutionally without jurisdiction in its attempt to prohibit two books on science, by inserting restrictions in the Budget Act of 1958, says Brown's opinion.

The books "Science for Work and Play" and "Science for Here and Now" were attacked in the budget for the State Department of Education which provided that no moneys appropriated should be expended for publishing, purchasing, shipping or paying royalties for the books.

The attack on the books was on the grounds that they were for the very young elementary pupils, and consisted almost entirely of pictures with little explanatory written material. School authorities contended, on the other hand, that the books, being for the very young, required more use of pictures, with teachers being better able to instruct verbally on the beginnings of science.

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Newly united labor in Wisconsin takes stand for the Kohler strikers

The Kohler strike became the first order of new business at the Wisconsin AFLCIO merger convention.

Immediately after the convention took care of the formal resolutions which created the organization, the Kohler strike resolution reaffirming support to the Kohler strike, in accordance with "the policies and past resolutions adopted by past conventions" of the former State AFL and CIO organizations, was adopted by the new united labor movement in Wisconsin.—UAW press release.

Auto Salesmen get The Labor Journal

Albert Silva, business manager and secretary of Auto Salesmen 1095, announced at the Central Labor Council meeting this week that the union had voted a contribution to the fund for fighting the so-called "right to work" scheme which will appear on the November ballot.

"Our union has also subscribed to East Bay Labor Journal," said Silva. "We know that it is the one paper in the area which will tell the facts that our members should know about what's going on politically."

"Certainly no other paper will tell them the facts about the fight that labor is making to head off the ruinous so-called 'right to work' measure."

"So East Bay Labor Journal will go to all our members beginning with the August 15 issue."

Hoffa is warned by court monitors to watch his step

The court-appointed board of monitors supervising affairs of the Teamsters Union has submitted a six-month interim report carrying a warning to Teamster President James R. Hoffa that it will seek judicial enforcement of its directives if necessary.

The report filed with U. S. District Judge F. Dickinson Letts, who named the monitors under settlement of a suit seeking to restrain Hoffa from taking office as president, denounced Teamster record-keeping as so loose that the international union did not have the names and addresses of members.

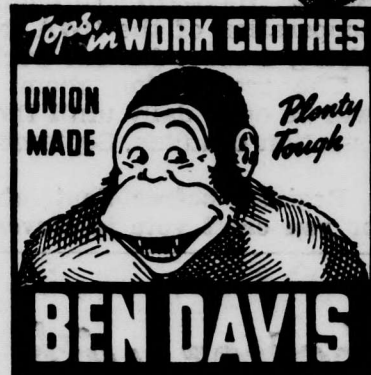
The report revealed that the monitors are split in their concept of their proper function. L. N. D. Wells, Teamster nominee on the board, said the monitors had merely an advisory function and filed dissents on many projects.

Chairman Martin O'Donoghue, named as impartial monitor, after the original chairman resigned, and Godfrey P. Schmidt nominated as member for the New York "rank and file" members who sought an injunction against Hoffa, form the majority.

Since O'Donoghue became chairman the board has moved its offices from the Teamsters building to O'Donoghue's office, hired its own investigators to study complaints, on demanded reports on all appeals from rank-and-file members to the Teamster board.—AFLCIO News.

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Print Specialty Union sues to get bargaining right

A Los Angeles Central Labor Council affiliate, the Printing Specialties and Paper Products Union, No. 388, has filed suit in the Los Angeles County Superior Court against Mr. Robert Nachman's Golden State Paper Products to compel the employer to recognize the union and bargain with it under Section 923 of the State Labor Code.

The union organized all eight of the company's employees in May, 1958 and demanded recognition. Nachman refused to meet with the union, and he and his foreman advised the employees to withdraw in order to hold their jobs. On June 17, 1958 the employer fired all the members of the union and the union established a picket-line.

Don McCaughan, Secretary of the Local union, stated that this case is similar to several others filed recently in Los Angeles to secure legal support for the code language which declares workers right of freedom to organize without interference from the employer to be the public policy of the state. "In the past," McCaughan said, "We've had no recourse except to the picket line and we do not intend to abandon that weapon until the law is made clear enough to give us full support in our organizing efforts. We hope this suit will further that purpose."

Anti-bomb Bevanite will speak in S. F. August 23

Harold Davies, prominent in the Bevan faction of the British Labor Party, organizer of the anti-H-bomb protest march in England, and a member of Parliament, speaks Saturday, August 23, at 8 p.m. at Scottish Rite Hall, 1290 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Organized labor in the U. S. has stood somewhat aloof from many attitudes expressed by both Bevan and Davies, but some labor people are helping to publicize the Davies meeting.

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Teamsters 70 pay is strikers model

Teamsters in the West were striking in one area this week and were locked out elsewhere due to the demand of locals in the Central Valley for the same wages that Teamsters Local 70 of Oakland got in their recent strike.

Striking pickup - and - delivery members of locals under Joint Council 38 with headquarters in Sacramento now get \$2.25 per hour, compared with a range of \$2.45 to \$2.72 in Oakland. The California Trucking Association, the employers bargaining group, claims that Joint Council 38 is bound by an agreement signed last May which prevents a raise right now to the Oakland level.

The strikers claim they're not bound by that agreement, and the employers say they won't bargain any more until the strikers go back to work. So the strike and lockout was continuing this week. The Teamsters threatened Tuesday to bring damage suits against the employers.

Employers leader, Ed Woodside, dies

Edward A. Woodside, for the past 11 years manager for United Employers, Inc., passed away Monday night. He had been ill for several weeks in a local hospital.

Woodside, born in Belfast, Ireland, had been a resident of California for many years. He was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his wife, Golden Woodside, his son Edward of Salt Lake City, his daughter Norma Gray of Coronado, his sister Mrs. C. F. Cameron of Alameda, and his brothers, Walter of San Jose, and James of Portland, Ore.

Woodside or members of the United Employers staff under his direction participated in hundreds of negotiations with labor unions.

Register, 529 Soto street in Hayward

Ed Raggio and Jim Robinson, international representatives of the Steelworkers, announce that a special registration office is being set up at the Communications Workers office at 529 Soto Street, Hayward, through the cooperation of the CWA in supplying a room for the work.

The registration room there will be open daily until the registration deadline, September 11.

Register before September 11 or you can't vote in November!

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

As has been reported there will in all probability be a change in our insurance rate and maybe the amount of insurance we will receive after October 1st. Our tri-state delegates are now working on this and we should have a report in a short time. As this report will have to be acted on by the membership it would be well to attend the next several meetings.

Your officers are doing all they can but why not come down and help them out?

There will also be a change in the procedure of hiring to conform with the Taft-Hartley law. More on this later.

Can some one tell me why everyone wants all their painting done during the few short summer months when vacation time is here? I have had several complaints that some employers don't want to let members take vacations because they have so much work on hand. Let's hope this continues.

Your union together with the Committee Against Proposition 18 is still looking for volunteers to help kill Fife Knowland's pet project—the so-called Right to Work Proposition No. 18. Only 22 days left to register, September 11.

We understand that Brother Beguhl is looking forward to some good fishing, but we would advise him to stay away from the Mexican waters because Rutledge and Smilovitz have cleaned them out.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We obtained a signed union agreement from Rogers Jewelry Co. of San Jose. Some of you may know the name Rogers, inasmuch as they have numerous other stores in the valley towns. Their purchase of the jewelry store previously called Royce Jewelers necessitated the signing of a new agreement.

I am still all over the Bay Area endeavoring to eliminate the \$6.95 price signs of the Mutual Watch Institute of America.

This is the reason for the \$2.00 assessment which started with the month of July. I am asking that all members remember to include this \$2.00 assessment when remitting dues. In this way the office can keep your ledger in balance and at the same time eliminate unnecessary work which is necessitated when a member fails to send in his assessment with his dues.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21st at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Ladies, we need your help to stop Proposition No. 18. Sure, your sack dress and weight problems are important, but Proposition No. 18 can affect your husband's take-home pay. That's important too.

The hand that rocks the cradle may rule the world, and it can also rock the boat. Don't allow yourselves to be misled by anti-labor newspapers.

Notice the names of those who spearhead this Right-To-Wreck effort.

Knowland, who forced Governor Knight to abdicate in Knowland's favor.

Winston Caldwell, of the California Association of Employers.

Charles Kendrick, Chairman of the Board of Schlage Lock Co. All employers or employer representatives.

Almost all of the leading religious organizations oppose the deceptive aims of the proposition. Fairminded employers have condemned it.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Senator Herbert Lehman have formed an Industrial Peace Council to fight this measure.

Rank and file members, working on the job, of which I am one, vigorously object to this legislation.

We need your help. Be as wise as you are beautiful, ladies, vote this thing down. You'll have to register to do it. Okay?

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

This Friday night meeting of Carpenters Local 36, remember, is open to all members' wives and friends, at the union headquarters 761 - 12th Street.

There will be lively entertainment, questions and answers on "right to work" with Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Art Hellender present; and a chance to meet Jeff Cohelan, labor's candidate for Congress in the 7th District, and to hear him explain his views and policies.

Coffee and sinkers, too. Come one, come all!

Don't forget the special called meeting of Local 36 for the following Friday when you vote on the proposed dues increase.

Don't wait around for garnishment!

Labor's Community Report, publication from the office of Community Service Director Ray Collier, warns in the current issue:

Many companies have a tough policy regarding the garnishment of an employee's wages. Union members should inform creditors as to short work weeks, unemployment, etc., and make suitable arrangements for payment of debts. Members in financial trouble should be encouraged to contact their Union Counselor for advice.

COPE leader urges labor to get out of that dug grave

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trates its fire on "The labor bosses, America's third party," he pointed out, and added that behind the Republican strategy lies the conviction that even the average union rank-and-filer disapproves of the politicking of the union leaders.

One Republican leader he said was particularly blunt, said Roberts, about why the party had seized upon big labor as the issue for '58. This GOP leader had said:

"What other issues do we have? We can't talk about clean government with the image of Sherm Adams fresh in the minds of the voters. We might talk about peace, but suppose we have to send troops into Lebanon or some other place? We can't talk about a sound currency and a balanced budget; we're \$3 billion in the red this year and will be \$12 billion in the red next year. We can't talk about prosperity with 5 or 6 million out of work. There's only one issue left: The labor issue. And we happen to think it's a good one."

Roberts then read a front page editorial from a paper in Arizona, where GOP Senator Goldwater, bitter foe of labor, is running for reelection. In denouncing Goldwater's Democratic labor-backed opponent the Arizona editor insisted that "Reuther and Hoffa are trying to Michiganize Arizona," and that rank and file unionists are afraid to protest for fear of "burnings and beatings."

Roberts concluded by telling of a man, slightly inebriated, who fell into an open grave. He found he couldn't climb out, so he lay down and took a nap. He was awakened when another man fell in and began trying to climb out. In the darkness the inebriate got up, went and tapped the stranger on the shoulder and said to him, "Brother, you can't climb out."

"But he DID climb out!" said Roberts as the room rocked with laughter.

And he made it plain that labor had been tapped on the shoulder and should climb out of the grave dug for it.

Berkeley firemen seek charter vote

Berkeley Fire Fighters Local 1227 is circulating a petition to place on the November 4 ballot an initiative measure adding a new section to the city charter regulating positions, salaries, hours, and working conditions of uniformed employees of the Berkeley Fire Department.

"Right to work" or right to vote? You'll get the first and lose the second if you don't register by September 11.

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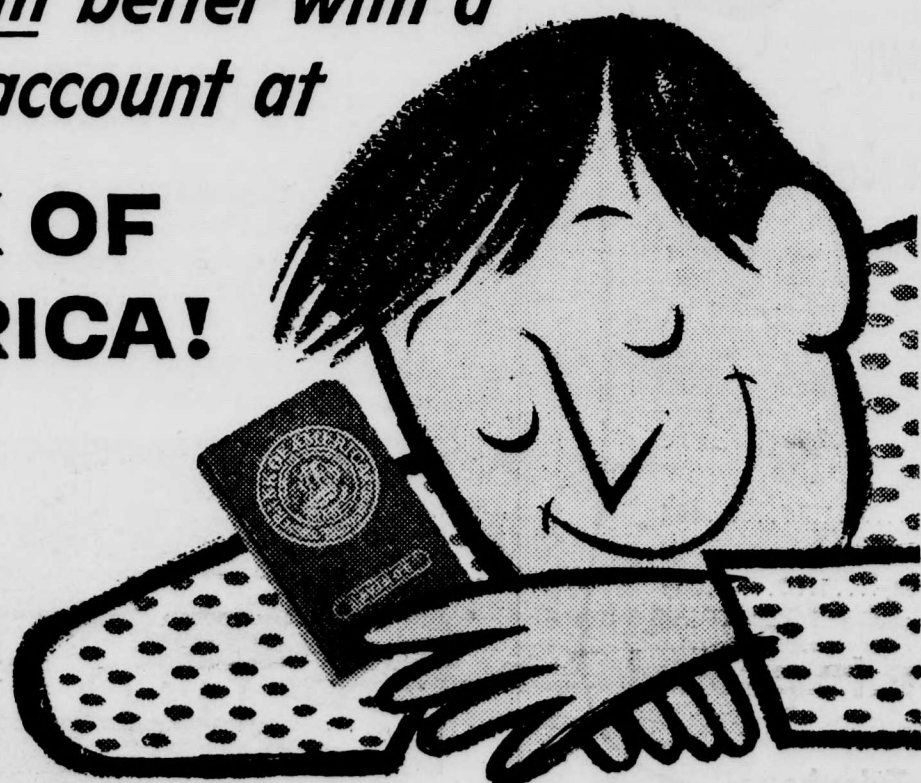
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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting a month during August, and September. This will be held on the first Thursday of each of those months.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. The Labor Temple address has been changed from 1541 to 1050 Mattox Road.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Stewards Committee will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., August 21, 1958.

Educational Committee will meet at 8 p.m., August 27, 1958.

Carpenters Local 36 announces in another column a series of three social political nights.

All brothers are urged to attend a special meeting, August 22, 1958, for a referendum vote on a one dollar raise in dues. All carpenters have just received a 12½ cents an hour increase in wages and our dues structure has remained the same for many years. The cost of running a union increases the same as the cost of living. You should be reminded that the Carpenters are paying less dues than even the Laborers.

You should also be cognizant of the fact that your District Council has been sponsoring a tremendous load of work, under its health and welfare, vacations and pension plans. Please consider these many benefits that all carpenters have received in the past few years, and give this matter your most careful consideration.

The meeting of August 29 has been cancelled because of the holiday.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at Union headquarters at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 19.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 will hold a special called meeting on Friday, August 15, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Ave., Oakland.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the Brotherhood convention and to vote on a proposed raise in dues and per capita taxes. Refreshments after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

A regular meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 19 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The meeting called for August 15 coming up promises to be a hot one. Further dope on the subject on the post card you will get from this office soon.

The figures on the check registered members of our local in Alameda County aren't too bad, but they could be better. Don't put off registering. Do it now, and hit for the polls come the November election. All indications point up to the fact that we will need every vote that can be had to defeat the lousy proposal called the "right to work" and numbered 18 on the ballots.

Here is another item you should take care of. Recently we sent you the financial report of L. U. 1178 in a sealed envelope with a return address. And up to date we have gotten several of them back mostly with this notation "moved and left no address." Will you members report this on the job? It would be of much help if you would do this.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 will hold a special called meeting on Friday, August 22, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Purpose of the meeting is to vote on proposed increase in dues and to elect two delegates to the Brotherhood convention.

Refreshments after the meeting.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of the local will be Thursday, August 14, 1958. This is a regular meeting, the past meetings have been very interesting, and the members have been very active on things that were brought up to be discussed.

In this election year members should come down more often and find out what important propositions are on the ballot and for whom and why we should vote.

Take Proposition No. 18 "right to work" bill. Let's talk this one over and VOTE NO!

SPECIAL NOTE:
Be sure you and your wives and all your friends are registered to vote. The deadline is September 11, 1958. If you are not registered you can't vote.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, August 21, 1958 at 8:00 p.m.

Executive board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Joint Stewards Council Saturday, August 16, 1958 at 10:30 a.m.

Building Corporation meets Tuesday, August 19, 1958 at 7:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 1958 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Please note that this is a change in meeting nights from the first Thursday to the fourth Wednesday of each month. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

Please make every effort to attend your union meeting.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Financial
Secretary-Treasurer

REGISTER TO VOTE!

You'll be getting your booklet from the State on November proposals

Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan has commenced distribution of 6,750,000 copies of a 42-page pamphlet listing subjects to be considered by voters at the November general election.

The publication is in two sections, the first listing ballot titles of the propositions and proposed laws and amendments to the constitution, together with arguments for and against the 18 various subjects. An analysis of each is made by the legislative counsel.

The second section, or appendix, gives full text of the proposals.

MAX J. OSSLO and Arthur Meyer, Butchers Union officials sentenced to 6 months and 3 months in jail, respectively, for assault on Clerks Union officers, have been freed by State Supreme Court order while case is reviewed.

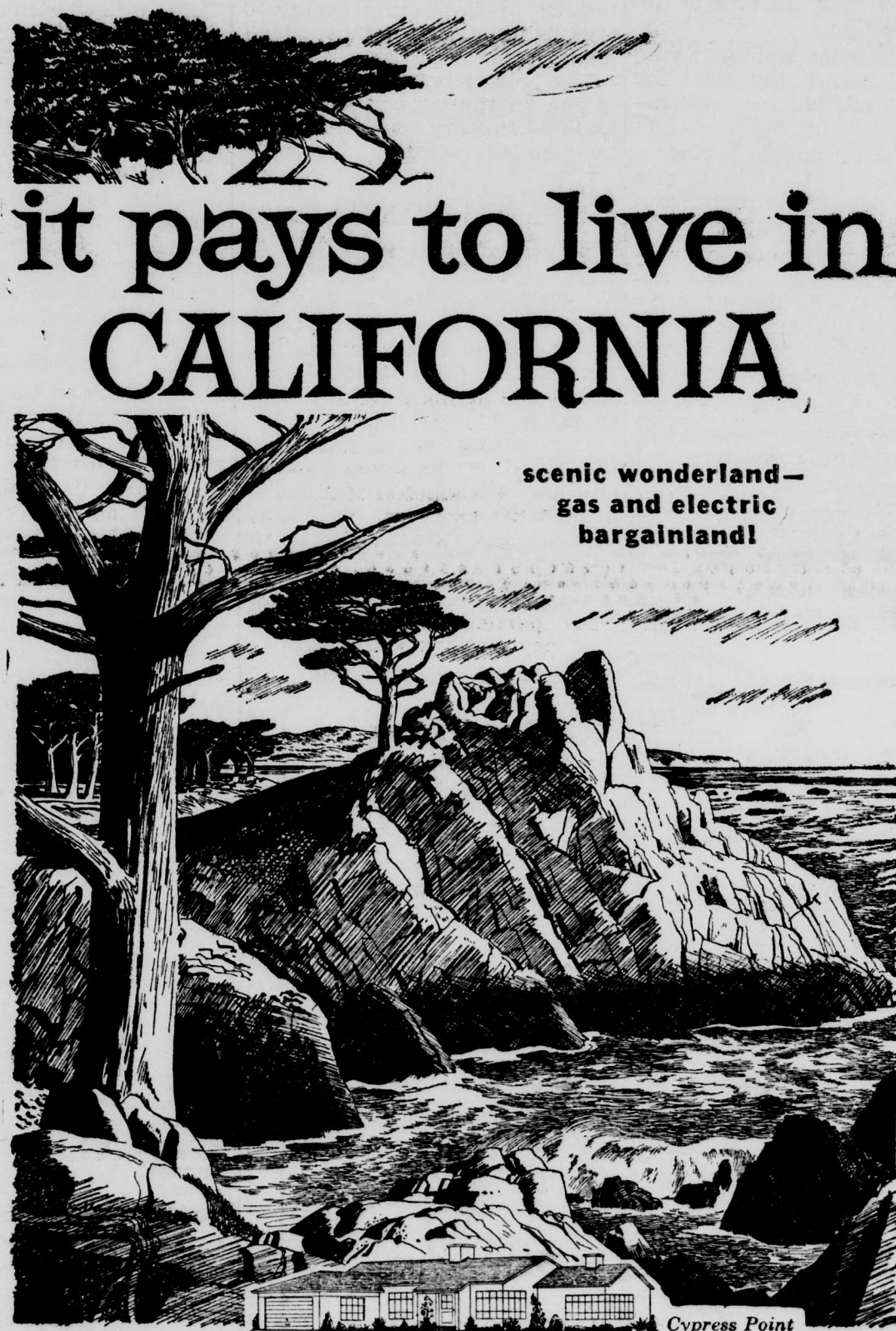
Jack Goldberger honored by Hoffa

The banquet at the Fairmont Hotel recently for Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, was honored by the presence of James R. Hoffa of the Teamsters Brotherhood.

Hoffa had flown out especially to attend the banquet.

The head of the big union ousted by the AFL-CIO on the ground that Hoffa and many of his associate high officers of the union were the comrades of crooks and gangsters threw out a few dark remarks about AFL-CIO President George Meany, but praised the political record of Governor Knight.

He denounced Senator Knowland's "right to work" scheme, but said that in States where "right to work" is in effect the Teamsters Union is so efficient that "we've gone out for gains over and above what our members ordinarily would be satisfied with."

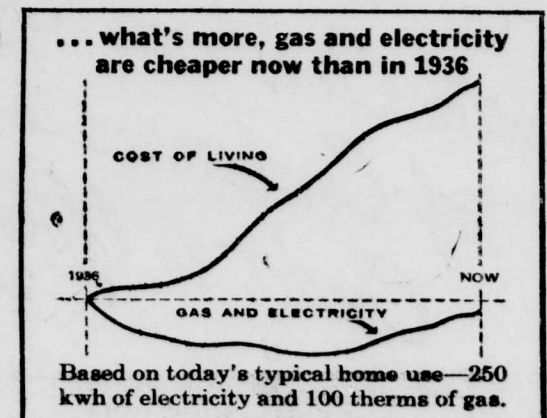


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Federation cites re-register rules and urges action

AFL councils throughout the state were urged to go all-out in their voter registration campaigns.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, issued a communication to all affiliated councils citing the September 11 deadline for registration.

Large posters pointing out the need for registration were mailed to councils for placement in council halls and headquarters.

To vote in the November 4 election, the following must register:

- (1) Anyone who did not vote in November, 1956 and who has not since registered.
- (2) Anyone who has moved since the primary election in June of this year
- (3) Anyone whose name has been changed through marriage or court action
- (4) Anyone who will be 21 by November 4, 1958, the date of the general election.

New California residents who have lived within the state for a year are eligible for registration.

During the pre-primary election period, AFL unions and councils conducted unprecedented registration programs.

In his communication to councils, Haggerty said the very existence of California unions would depend upon the registration of union members and their families.—State Federation Newsletter.

Ma, them boys are stealing peaches!

The following, from a recent issue of the Peoples World, should be ample warning to labor people against the latest united front let's all be pals scheme:

SAN FRANCISCO — A "Northern California Independent Political Action Unity Conference" is in the making for the latter part of September.

The project was approved this week at a meeting of some 90 persons who had participated in the campaign of Holland Roberts for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The idea of a conference received overwhelming approval. There was a greater division of opinion about the timing, a sizable minority urging that it be deferred until after the November election.

Albert J. Lima, Northern California Communist chairman, and some others urged the assembly to organize for immediate political action in this election campaign around such pivotal issues as peace, "right to work," education and the economic recession, instead of dissipating energy in organizing a conference that might prove abortive.

The majority, however, was intent on the conference in the hope of uniting Left and other independent voters.

Clerks win election in anti-union stronghold

VINCENNES, Ind. — The Retail Clerks won a National Labor Relations Board representation election at the Gimbel Bond Alden Co. here by a vote of 41 to 36.

The victory was the first in the retail trades in this area, long an anti-union stronghold.—AFLCIO News.

September 11 is the deadline for registering so you can vote in November to save your union.

It wasn't bribes, it was luck with horses, Hoffa testifies

The McClellan special Senate committee heard sworn testimony that Detroit laundry owners made a \$17,500 payoff to avoid a Teamster strike in 1949. Teamster President James R. Hoffa flatly denied receiving "any part" of the alleged bribe.

Testimony on the reputed payoff came as the committee opened a new investigation into Teamster union activities. Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) said the hearings would probably keep Hoffa on the witness stand for "several weeks."

The committee's tactics in questioning Hoffa drew a sharp protest from Edward Bennett Williams, Teamsters' general counsel and head of a three-man legal staff advising the union president.

Under this system, Hoffa was moved on and off the witness stand as Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy questioned him on one phase of his activities at a time. He thus interrupted Hoffa with testimony from other witnesses on the same subject in a move designed, Kennedy said, to "refresh" Hoffa's memory.

Williams, who warned he would advise Hoffa "not to cooperate" if the committee indulged in a "personal vendetta" designed to "humiliate, expose, castigate or degrade" him, said the technique added up to "harassment" of the witness.

The committee after an executive session agreed to modify its procedure and release Hoffa from constant attendance.

Testimony on the alleged bribe paid by the Detroit Laundry Institute was given by several members of the management group, but Kennedy accused them of having watered down their testimony from statements made earlier to the committee staff.

William H. Miller, a former Detroit laundry owner, who had signed an affidavit stating he was told that money went to Hoffa, made "corrections" in his appearance before the committee. He stated that he only "took it for granted" that Hoffa was the official who received the payoff, made up by an assessment of \$90 a truck on each laundry owner.

John C. Meissner, an official of the institute who handled the \$17,500 fund, said he had given the money to the late Joseph Holtzman, a labor relations consultant and friend of Hoffa's. He also hedged on what Kennedy said was a statement that he "assumed" the money went to Hoffa. Earlier, Hoffa testified that he had borrowed \$10,000 in cash from Holtzman and his partner, Jack Bushkin, in 1951,

without notes, collateral or interest, and that he repaid it, again in cash, in 1953.

Later in the hearings, Hoffa denied a suggestion that the \$10,000 might have constituted a share of the alleged payoff. "I didn't get any money," Hoffa shouted. "I didn't get any of it. I deny under oath."

Returning to the stand, Hoffa was asked about money he had reported on his income tax as "collections." The Teamster president said this money came from "gambling games." He explained that his "associate," Owen (Bert) Brennan, a Teamster vice president and head of Local 337 in Detroit, placed race track bets for the two of them, kept the records, and turned over to Hoffa his share of the winnings, adding that Brennan could give the committee the details.

Brennan, who is currently facing an Internal Revenue Service inquiry into his tax returns, took the Fifth Amendment despite an offer from McClellan that the committee would not question him about his own finances providing he would testify as to the money reported on Hoffa's tax returns.

A committee staff member entered figures in the record showing that in his returns from 1948 through 1956, Hoffa had listed income totalling \$60,322.30, which he had variously reported as having come from "gambling," "miscellaneous earning," "collections" and "wagers." — AFL-CIO News.

Meany battle against corrupt union leaders cited by Selig Perlman

MADISON, Wis. — The position taken by AFLCIO President George Meany in leading the fight to oust corrupt unions from the federation was praised by Selig Perlman of the University of Wisconsin.

Perlman, one of the nation's most distinguished labor educators, was interviewed by the Milwaukee Journal during the Wisconsin State AFLCIO merger convention here.

"Meany took a courageous stand — a stand for honesty — and his membership supported him," Perlman said. "That is the kind of honesty that matters — the honesty of the rank and file members who listen to an honest leader." — AFL-CIO News.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Committee of 1000 to hold big meet at Temple Aug. 22

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asked to be at the mass meeting in Hall M of the Labor Temple Friday, August 22.

"The fight against the so-called 'right to work' measure is in a critical stage," it had been stated in a letter going to all unions. "At this moment we have no cause to be optimistic. Time is running out and some of us are dragging our feet. The money is not coming in fast enough. Therefore we must have volunteer help."

Under the plan it is the responsibility of the local unions' officials to do the following four things:

1. appoint a chairman
2. enroll five or more volunteers
3. scout out locations for posters
4. have the chairman and volunteers at the meeting on August 22nd.

Delegates from several unions at the meeting told of actions taken by the memberships to contribute funds to the fight against Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" measure.

George Stokes, Oakland Teachers Federation 771, told the council that many unions which now have securely established membership under union shop contracts simply have no idea of what they'll be up against if the union shop is destroyed by the passage of Proposition 18 in November.

"We of the Teachers Union know what it is to live under the open shop system," said Stokes. "We've never had anything else. It means your employers are constantly chipping away, putting pressure on your weaker members, doing everything they can to break up your union."

Why not buy these for Wm. Knowland?

A small ad, appearing among the "help wanted" ads in the Washington Star one day this week, stirred up a storm of angry complaints to the newspaper.

It offered "simulated hearing aids" for salesmen at \$2 each and boasted that sales would be doubled by wearing the device. "Gives you that real pitiful look that makes prospects want to help," the ad read.

Going still further, the Bethesda, Md., firm, calling itself "Sales Aids," also said it had available for salesmen "simulated polio equipment." (Simulated is a fancy word for fake.) The Star yanked the ad after one appearance and turned the matter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.—Labor.

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BTC canvassing business men who object to 'right to work'

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BTC Secretary John Davy, stating that a directive was being issued which allows income tax deductions for building tradesmen by listing board and room and travel allowance for out of town work, along with some other items.

This clarification was achieved through the efforts of the Plumbers & Fitters and the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department.

YOUNG AMERICA LEAGUE

Engineers 3 reported sponsoring a team in the Young America Baseball League, and it was announced that three more unions were needed as sponsors to fill the quota.

SHEET METAL 355

Sheet Metal Production Local 355 asked for strike sanction against West Coast Steel Corporation, which was granted after some discussion of procedure.

Blackie Miller, Painters 127, pointed out that the Central Labor Council refers sanction requests to the executive committee which holds a hearing at which all involved crafts are invited to attend, which might be good procedure for the BTC to adopt.

Bob Kerr, Glaziers Local, and Childers said that strike sanction and picket sanction were two different steps under BTC procedure, and that since before picket sanction was given all affected crafts were called in, the present procedure seemed adequate.

Chester Bartalini, Carpenters 36, stressed the importance of all affected crafts being called in on such a move, and President Pruss said that due to the lapse of time between meetings of the council or the board it's up to the striking union to notify the crafts.

QUARTERLY FINANCES

Secretary Davy read the quarterly financial report made by Trustees Charles Geroni, Lino-leum Layers; Bruce Dillashaw, Cement Masons; L. A. Fuller, Hayward Carpenters.

CHARTER CLAUSE

The delegates endorsed the proposed placing on the ballot of an amendment to the Oakland charter providing prevail-

ing rates of pay agreed on by crafts and private employers as the standard for municipal pay.

CIGARETTE TAX

The council resolved to oppose an additional cigarette tax by the city of Oakland.

UNION LABEL SHOW

Childers reported attending a meeting to plan for the Union Label Show to be held in San Francisco next May, with between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 expected to attend. Unions will be contacted for assistance

CREDENTIALS

Credentials as delegates were presented and accepted by President Joseph Pruss for Ken McClaran and Larry Wheeler, Iron Workers 378; one new delegate, Ed. F. Falkowski, for Electricians 595, and the following re-seated for the new term: S. E. Rockwell, J. H. Kurt, Otis Lenox, X. G. Restos, and Tom Sweeney.

BAD AIR CORRECTED

The State Industrial Relations Department reported that the bad air in the basement of the Sears building at Palma Ceia Village, which had been complained of by craftsmen, had been corrected.

PLASTERERS' SANCTION

Strike sanction as of September 1, date of expiration of Plasterers 112 contract with the Plasterers Association of Alameda & Contra Costa counties, was granted.

ADJUSTMENTS

Childers reported that after intervention on behalf of the Painters, nonunion men of that craft had been removed from a job of the Oakland Dock & Warehouse Company and from a job at 56th & Shattuck.

JURISDICTION

There was some discussion of alleged work by another craft during the strike and lockout of the Glaziers. It was felt that the dispute, seemingly arising from a jurisdictional base, should be left to the two unions and their international representatives.

NILES THEATER, long on the We Don't Patronize list, is now under new management, James Perry, business representative of Moving Picture Operators 169, announces, and union operators are now being employed there.

Glaziers at work with new contract

Bob Kerr, business representative of Glaziers 169, announces that the new contract under which the members returned to work August 7 after the strike and lockout which tied up some 62 plants in the Bay Area, is for two years and provides the following:

15 cents per hour increase retroactive to July 1 of this year; 8 cents January 1, 1959; 16 cents July 1, 1959; 8 cents January 1, 1960.

Among the 25 changes in the contract are: 8 hours guaranteed if showup for work, excluding bad weather; 4 hours minimum showup time; foremen to get 25 cents per hour over journeymen instead of \$1 per day as formerly; no piece work clause; the union label must be applied to every job; trucks to be identified.

CULINARY UNION workers for major hotels in San Francisco under their new contract will get wage increases averaging about \$1.25 per day. Some 4000 workers come under the pact.

That letter about Ash was unsigned but how the 2 Tribes played it!

A tempest in the smearpot was created this week when the Oakland Tribune and the paper which some Southern Alameda county labor people call "the little Tribune," the Hayward Review, played up an anonymous letter which floated in to the Hayward High School Board, of which Ash is secretary.

A big to-do and much clucking of pursed lips marked the notation by the two dailies that the letter said Ash—oh horrors!—had written a form letter asking some school employees among others to join a union. This was talked about as "conflict of interest" with Ash's duties as a member of the school board.

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx disposed of this argument by telling the bigger of the two Tribes that "a banker who is elected a school trustee doesn't refuse to do business with school employees."

Meanwhile Ash, away on vacation, was unable to comment immediately. Nice timing!

Register before September 11 or you can't vote in November!

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Labor Pains, published by CWA Local 9490, quotes Violet Bogan, vice president of CWA Local 9415, as saying on her return from the international union's Miami Beach convention:

We had the privilege of being conducted on a tour of Miami Beach by a good union person who wanted us to see the results of the damage of a "right-to-work" law on the honest working men who perhaps were less fortunate than others because they must earn their living by physical labor.

Actually our friend referred to one section of the city as the "slave market" and when we saw it, we thought it was well named.

Men stand on the corners all over this section and bargain with employers for a day's work.

Often some stand all day and are never taken because another man standing with him may offer to work for 25c a day cheaper.

This is an example of what happens when unions are forced to their knees by vicious open-shop laws.

Office Union cures M. D. bund!

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Kaiser negotiators day and night.

The help from East Bay Labor Journal to which Kinnick referred consisted of a report by the strikers on the obstacles they were encountering in their effort to get at the private profit-making corporation of physicians behind the non-profit Kaiser institutions, and to get these physicians to listen to their arguments. The article was headed: "Kaiser's dollar-big doctors: profit-making medical bund in hiding from strike spokesmen."

Two thousand copies of the August 8 issue of East Bay Labor Journal containing these somewhat moderately quiet headlines were distributed by the strikers, and all reports were that they had very little tranquilizing effect on the "medical bund."

Kinnick told the council that he was also pleased to report that during the strike Office Employees 29 won representational elections among office workers at wholesale bakeries and at the Pacific Intermountain Express which added 200 new members to Local 29, bringing it to a membership of 2100.

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Committee of 1 Thousand Committed to Self-Help!

John Churchill, director of Alameda County AFLCIO's fight against the so-called "right to work" scheme, has said that he needs to help him what he calls The Committee of One Thousand.

A thousand people, at the very least, among all the many thousands of union members and their families, who will sign a pledge to do one or more of the things which many people must do if we are to win this fight against the union-wrecking proposal of Senator Knowland and his allies.

Incidentally, the campaign headquarters are at 327 - 17th Street, Oakland, and the telephone number is HIgate 4-2664. So if you haven't got one of the pledges to sign, call up and ask for one, and read it carefully and see if you can't sign up for at least one kind of the work that's needed.

During the drive to get more of our union people registered before the registration deadline of September 11, if you can do any kind of office work, go to Room 114, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, where Jack Tobler of the Auto Workers and some volunteers are working on the membership lists of the unions to find out who's not registered.

This Committee of One Thousand which Churchill speaks of, might well have an expanded name in our minds, and be called The Committee of One Thousand Committed to Self-Help. For any of us who work on and for this committee are committing ourselves to the sensible task of helping ourselves, our own individual dues-paying union selves, our own individual selves in union families living on union wages.

For if this so-called "right to work" scheme succeeds in getting the approval of the majority of the voters of California, our union wages, our union conditions, our union family prosperity, will be crippled. The tremendous struggle to build up this structure of civilized conditions under which we of the unions now live will have to begin all over again.

Some little effort now put forth as a member of The Committee of One Thousand Committed to Self-Help will bring big returns in future wellbeing, by staving off the disaster to our way of living which this vicious Proposition 18 threatens.

The first meeting of the Committee of One Thousand is set for 8 p.m. Friday, August 22, in Hall M of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

The officers of every local AFLCIO union are asked to appoint a chairman of the local's Right-to-Work Volunteer Committee, to enroll five or more volunteers to serve on this committee, to scout out locations for posters against Proposition 18, and to have the chairman and volunteers present at the August 22 meeting.

There's just a week now in which to get set!

Imam Mohammed ben Rishell

In one issue of a daily paper recently there were two interesting stories about cigarettes.

One was the report of a stunt of the Imam of Yemen, an obscure country in a corner of the Arabian peninsula. He had told the 200 ladies of his harem that he didn't wish to have them smoke cigarettes. When he heard that they had been disobeying him he summoned all 200 before his kingly presence, ordered 14 of them to step forward, and had the royal dentist jerk their teeth out then and there.

Describing the first operation, United Press says:

"The dentist had a pair of pincers in his hands. He bent over the girl, put his hand under her veil, and began to pull her teeth out. She made no fuss. Her head jerked forward twice."

The other story in the same issue which was concerned with cigarettes told how the Imam of Oakland, Mohammed ben Rishell, if we have his name on straight, was launching a campaign to get as many cities as possible in the Bay Area to join the Imamate of Oakland in slapping a 2-cent sales tax on every package of cigarettes. Seemingly the refusal of the other cities to join in the plundering expedition has killed it, but the principle at issue remains the same.

We don't approve of the actions of either Imam.

The one in Yemen was exerting a power over other persons which is out of date. The one in Oakland is thinking of a kind of taxation which is also out of date. It has been exposed over and over again as harder on the poorer citizens than on the better off. It is this nefarious form of taxation which is attacked by the AFL-backed initiative measure on the November ballot.

Of the unfortunate girl in Yemen it could be reported that "she made no fuss." But the same won't be said truthfully of the way working people will act when and if Imam Rishell and his Grand Vizier Youell in this project begin jerking out that two cents per packet of consolation.

Time for a REAL Changeover



WALL STREET JOURNAL AND ILWU JOIN FORCES

The ILWU Dispatcher and the Wall Street Journal are not exactly ideological soulmates, but the August 1 issue of the Dispatcher reprints in a big double-page spread five editorials of the Wall Street Journal on the Lebanon crisis. The following, published by the Wall Street paper on July 28, is the fifth one, headed "An Unlimited Dimension":

Before the United States intervened in Lebanon it was already generally understood in the world that this country was prepared to fight to save any "free" country attacked by Communist troops.

This has long been clear with respect to Europe and much of Asia. It was made clear regarding the Middle East in the Eisenhower Doctrine proclaimed last year. That statement promised military help for any Middle Eastern government threatened by overt aggression from a country controlled by international Communism.

Now a fateful new dimension has been added to this already large commitment. Or so it will be if the only explanation offered so far for our intervention in Lebanon is allowed to stand unchanged.

President Eisenhower has explained that the U. S. put troops in Lebanon because it felt that otherwise no small nation anywhere in the non-Communist world would feel secure against overthrow of its government from any source, external or internal, Communist or otherwise.

The plain implication of that reasoning, if that is the reason for our action in Lebanon, is that the United States may henceforth intervene in any country whose government feels itself threatened from whatever quarter. The threat no longer has to be that of a Communist attack.

We think Americans might do well to reflect on some of the things this new dimension could mean for the future.

The United States Government believes, not without justification, that President Nasser of the United Arab Republic is busily trying to control many nations and areas of Africa—Libya, Morocco, Algeria, for example. Some people believe his ultimate ambitions may extend beyond the so-called Arab world and may embrace the whole continent of Africa.

Very well. Are we then to intervene every place a revolution allegedly instigated by Nasser threatens to succeed? If you perhaps think involvement in Lebanon—a country with complex internal political problems and a country not under direct attack from anyone—is messy, that is nothing to what it will be like if we start dropping troops into Ghana, for example, or Tanganyika. Sound fanciful?

Perhaps; but it is also implied in our announced purpose in going into Lebanon.

Nor is that all. The threat to a legally constituted government need not be fomented by Nasser. If dissidents anywhere want to overthrow their government, that government can now appeal to us on the basis of Lebanon. And it might be noted that there are a lot of violent political dissidents in the world, especially in countries that have not yet developed political maturity.

But the picture is even broader than that; our succor is not confined to Africa and the Middle East. The potential expansion of our military involvement represented by Lebanon is, with the exception of the Communist empire, global. If called upon, are we to rush troops to the defense of any government anywhere that feels itself threatened from any source or for any reason?

This is, among other things, a curious position for a nation that came into being by armed uprising against a legally constituted government. It is one thing to try to grapple with the extremely difficult problem of Communist subversion, but it is quite another to try to protect any and all governments simply because they are governments.

There are something like a hundred nations in the world. Many of them are small, many have weak governments likely at any time to be toppled by revolutions. So make no mistake about it: We are going to have our hands full if we let the precedent of Lebanon establish the principle of unlimited intervention.

Soldiers on jobs

It's not a new problem. It's been a continual source of irritation in the federal service. From time to time, we think we are on the way towards a solution, but then it crops up again. Sometimes only one or two individuals are affected. Sometimes scores of employees lose their jobs.

I'm referring to the use of military personnel to replace civilians in jobs which are essentially civilian in nature.

Half of all the Government's civilian employees work at Army, Navy and Air Force Installations. To them, this is a constantly recurring job threat.—President J. A. Campbell American Federation of Government Employees.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

AN ATTACK ON TEACHERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I read an article in the August 1 East Bay Labor Journal by Ben Rust, the president of the California Teachers State Federation in reply to a Mr. Olson a retired carpenter about teachers pay and Mr. Olson's taxes on his small home. I read Mr. Olson's letter and the reply by Mr. Rust makes me feel sad, and I expect Mr. Olson does also, it sure was a tear jerker telling us about the martyrs in the teaching profession, how they are on the verge of starvation what sacrifices they make for \$4000.00 a year as a salary, how Mr. Rust implies that he is in that category instead of telling us the real facts about a school teacher's life.

Why, it was only a short while ago I read of a retired school teacher who died and left \$148,000 in round figures as an estate, others who left smaller estates around \$50,000 and they worked for less money than is paid today.

It sure is sad how badly the school teachers are treated, he tells us about our burden, but at the same time he tries to make us believe that the problems of education and teaching are almost unbearable, and of course he is for Proposition No. 17 which will reduce his taxes by a few dollars but saddle us small home owners with larger taxes to maintain him and his kind of luxury.

When we eliminate this so-called progressive education gimmick we now have and Johnnie gets back to the real fundamentals of education such as the 3 R's and who will be able to read his name when he writes it then Mr. Rust can tell us about the martyrs in the teaching profession, and maybe we will believe him, until then let's US do the starving in our retirement, and when his turn comes, then he will realize what a soft job he had as a school teacher, at a salary of around \$7000 a year.

I am
WM. J. FOLEY,
2921 Modesto Avenue,
Oakland, Calif.

(Editor's Note: Often we've heard Brother Foley at the Central Labor Council meetings tell how important it is to organize the white collar workers. He seems to assume in this letter that teachers are diamond collar workers.)

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BLOOD COLOR

The color line in good ol' Dixie is beginning to fade. The Louisiana legislature recently passed and Governor Earl Long signed a bill which requires blood banks to label all plasma by race and orders doctors to tell patients what they are getting. But, the bill, in an obvious concession to common sense, incorporated this convenient loophole: during disasters and personal emergencies, doctors can ignore race labels in ordering transfusions. Now, really . . . —Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno)

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TRUMAN'S MAIL

Mr. Truman has lately received some 300 speaking invitations a month—more since he visited Europe. His mail averages 100 to 400 letters a day.—Christian Science Monitor.

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DELICATE HINT

It is quite possible for a nation to possess the highest living standards, yet at the same time have the lowest standards of life.—St. Louis Labor Tribune.